

RICHMOND TOWN COUNCIL MEETING of the RESOURCES COMMITTEE
Held 7.00 p.m. 11th October 2010 in the Mayor's Parlour, Richmond Town Hall

PRESENT: Councillors: R. Lord (Chair)
J. Robinson
C. World
O. Blease
B. Heap
M. McGarry

In attendance: Town Clerk: Miles Templeton

1 Apologies:

Councillor Steggles.

2 Public Open Session:

There were no members of the public present

3 Declarations of Interest and Lobbying

As and when

4 Update from Chairman

The Chairman reported that Fresh Radio had proposed giving the Town Council five daily twenty second slots rather than the original ten second slots that they had previously offered. This would be given to the Council for the three month trial at no extra cost. Wording of the advert was agreed and the Town Clerk was instructed to contact Fresh Radio to finalise the contract.

5 Markets Update:

Councillor World reported that he had identified some suitable blue cloths for stallholders to use to cover their stalls. This would provide a clean and consistent approach and do much to make the market look better. He said that eight traders had agreed to trade on the Saturday of the beer festival and he proposed that a 50% reduction in the charge was to be offered to reflect the inconvenience that these traders would suffer.

Proposed: Councillor World **Seconded:** Councillor Lord

RESOLVED: That the rate for trading in the Indoor Market on the Saturday of the Beer Festival be reduced by 50%

Councillor World then reported that all those traders who had applied to trade on the evening of the Fireworks would be able to have a stall. On 3rd December however, the night of the Christmas Lights switch on, not all traders who had applied would be able to trade. Priority would be given to those traders who attended the Market Hall the most.

He stated that the list for the 2011 Craft and Collectors Fairs was ready to go out.

Regarding the proposed improvements to the Market Hall, Councillor World reported that a set of revised plans for the refurbishment of the hall were being produced and that the idea of a mezzanine floor space had now been withdrawn as there would be insufficient funding to meet the cost. He assured the meeting that the revised plans would include the ability to install a mezzanine floor at some later date should the funding situation improve. Councillor Heap asked if the revised plans were consistent with the five options for development that had already been identified and he was assured that it was. He also assured the meeting that any decision on the redevelopment would be made by Full Council.

6 Town Clerk's update on progress of Resolutions from September meeting.

The Town Clerk stated that all of the actions which he took in the September meeting had been progressed to conclusion.

7 Rates for the use of Town Hall

Proposed: Councillor World **Seconded:** Councillor Robinson

RESOLVED: That the rates for 2011/12 for the use of the Town Hall remain the same except for two increases; the charity rate for Saturday night be £15 per hour and bookings only be allowed where the Hall is used for a minimum of two hours and a charge of £10 be made for the use of the piano.

8 Market Hall Door Collections

Proposed: Councillor Robinson **Seconded:** Councillor Blease

That an unmanned bucket be allowed at the front of the Market hall for Charity door collections

This motion was not carried

Proposed: Councillor Lord **Seconded:** Councillor World

RESOLVED : That no market hall door collections be allowed during 2011 but that we contacted the originations that have had door collection in the past and invite them to apply for the use of the curtilage twice a year free of charge on an appropriate Saturday, with the Royal British Legion and Richmond Meet given priority on dates.

9 Procedure for repayment of deposit for cancelled Civil Ceremonies

The Town Clerk suggested that in the event of any cancellation of a Civil Ceremony for which a deposit had been paid, consideration be given, on a case-by-case basis, by the Resources Committee for the award of a refund and that each case be treated on its own merit. This was agreed. The Town Clerk would write this into the agreement.

Proposed: Councillor Lord **Seconded:** Councillor Robinson

RESOLVED: That the Meeting move into Private Session

In Private

10 Contracts and Invoices

The Town Clerk provided the meeting with information relating to contracts and invoices that needed consideration.

Proposed: Councillor Lord

Seconded: Councillor Robinson

RESOLVED: That the meeting move out of Private Session.

The meeting concluded at 8.00 pm.